

REMARKS**Summary of the Response**

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-18 remain pending in this application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application as amended are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-10 and 12. These claims have not been rewritten given the traversal of the rejection of the independent claim 1 below.

Applicant appreciates the opportunity of discussing the claims and the cited reference with the Examiner. The present Supplemental Amendment includes claim amendments that clarify independent claim 1 for further examination. Applicant's arguments in the earlier response remain valid, and are fully incorporated by reference herein.

Claim 1 recites a structure that includes prisms having tilt angles that are different from each other within each prism. That is, within each prism, the two tilt angles are different. Maeda does not disclose prisms with different tilt angles within each prism. Support for the amended claim is found in the original specification including the drawings. For example, Fig. 1 shows non-isosceles prisms, each having base tilt angles that are different from each other within a particular prism. Page 2, lines 30-33 discloses that the sectional shape of the prisms is triangle shape having one tip angle and two tilt angles, wherein the tilt angles are different from each

other in each prism. Further, given the formulae disclosed on page 3, the disclosure at page 6, lines 24-35; page 11, lines 2-9, for example, it is clear that the tilt angle for the prisms varies depending in part on the distance from a reference end. Given the disclosed embodiment in which the tip angle remains constant in each prism, the base tilt angles of the non-isosceles prisms would necessarily be different within each prism for at least certain prisms.

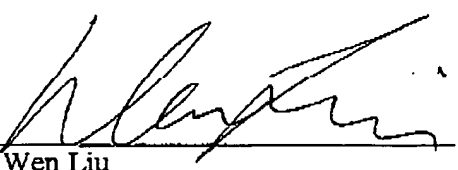
Maeda discloses isosceles prisms only. Maeda does not disclose prisms in which the tilt angles are different from each other within each prism.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

Respectfully submitted,

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